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Education

- **Ph.D. in Computer Science & Engineering**, University of Washington **2018 ~ 2023**
 - Topic: Reconstructing and Rendering People from Photos and Videos in the Wild
 - Committee: Brian Curless, Ira Kemelmacher-Shlizerman, Pratul Srinivasan, and Richard Szeliski
- **M.S. in Computer Science & Engineering**, University of Washington **2015 ~ 2018**
 - Thesis: Photo Wake-Up: 3D Character Animation from a Single Photo
 - Advisor: Brian Curless and Ira Kemelmacher-Shlizerman
- **M.S. in Computer Science & Information Engineering**, National Taiwan University **2005 ~ 2007**
 - Thesis: RoleNet: Movie Analysis from the Perspective of Social Networks
 - Advisor: Ja-Ling Wu
- **B.S. in Computer Science & Information Engineering**, National Taiwan University **2001 ~ 2005**

Employment

- **Software Engineering Intern**, Google LLC **2019**
 - Augmented Perception group led by Shahram Izadi
 - Explored 3D neural rendering, co-working with Rohit Pandey, Christian Hane, Sofien Bouaziz, and Sean Fanello.
- **Research Intern**, Facebook, Inc. **2018**
 - Computational Photography group led by Michael Cohen
 - Looking into human modeling from the lens of modern deep neural networks.
- **Tech Lead, Principal Engineer**, CyberLink Corp. **2008 ~ 2014**
 - With expertise in core video/image solutions for consumer multimedia software.
 - Developed [13 projects](#) related to computational photography and computer vision, including panorama, photo compositing, image segmentation and matting, hand tracking, video object tracking and segmentation, face detection and recognition, and facial landmark detection.
 - 9 granted patents (8 US patents and 1 JP patent)

Selected Publications

- [C1] **Chung-Yi Weng**, Pratul P. Srinivasan, Brian Curless and Ira Kemelmacher-Shlizerman, "PersonNeRF: Personalized Reconstruction from Photo Collections," CVPR 2023 **2023**
- [C2] **Chung-Yi Weng**, Brian Curless, Pratul P. Srinivasan, Jonathan T. Barron and Ira Kemelmacher-Shlizerman, "HumanNeRF: Free-Viewpoint Rendering of Moving People from Monocular Video," CVPR 2022 **Oral Presentation** **2022**
- [C3] **Chung-Yi Weng**, Brian Curless, and Ira Kemelmacher-Shlizerman, "Photo Wake-Up: 3D Character Animation from a Single Photo," CVPR 2019. **People's Choice Award**, UW CSE Industry Day, (> 400K YouTube views) **2019**
- [J1] **Chung-Yi Weng**, Wei-Ta Chu, and Ja-Ling Wu, "RoleNet: Movie Analysis from the Perspective of Social Networks," IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, 2009. **2009**
- [C4] Jun-Cheng Chen, Wei-Ta Chu, Jin-Hau Kuo, **Chung-Yi Weng**, and Ja-Ling Wu, "Tiling Slideshow," ACM Multimedia, 2006. **Best Paper Award** **2006**

Patents

- **8 US granted patents, 1 JP granted patent**

- [P1] “Method of grouping images by face”, US 8,121,358
- [P2] “Method of browsing photos based on people”, US 8,531,478
- [P3] “Systems and methods for tagging photos”, US 8,649,602
- [P4] “Systems and methods for performing facial detection”, US 8,693,739
- [P5] “System and method for selecting an object boundary in an image”, US 8,761,519
- [P6] “Systems and methods for improving object detection”, US 8,769,409
- [P7] “Systems and methods for tracking an object in a video”, US 8,867,789
- [P8] “Systems and methods for image editing”, US 9,336,583
- [P9] “How to group images by face”, JP 4,925,370

Honors & Fellowships

- UW Reality Lab Google Fellowship **2022 ~ 2023**
- UW Reality Lab Research Fellow **2018 ~ 2023**
- Bob Bandes Best Teaching Assistant Award Honorable Mention **2020**
- UW Reality Lab Huawei Fellowship **2018 ~ 2019**
- People’s Choice Award, Allen School Industry Affiliates Research Day **2018**
- The David Notkin Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Computer Science & Engineering **2015 ~ 2016**
- Best Paper Award, ACM Multimedia Conference 2006 **2006**

Teaching & Services

- **TA Lead**, CSE457 Computer Graphics **University of Washington** **2020 Spring**
 - Instructor: Adriana Schulz
 - Awarded as **Best Teaching Assistant** (Bob Bandes Award)
- **TA**, CSEP557 Trends in Computer Graphics **University of Washington** **2019 Spring**
 - Instructor: Brian Curless
- **Reviewers**
 - CVPR, ICCV, SIGGRAPH, SIGGRAPH Asia

Press and News

- [N1] [MIT Technology Review](#), “Machine vision can create Harry Potter–style photos for muggles”
- [N2] [NVidia News](#), “Transforming Paintings and Photos Into Animations With AI”
- [N3] [UW News](#), “Behind the magic: Making moving photos a reality”

Open-Source Software

- HumanNeRF: Free-Viewpoint Rendering of Moving People from Monocular Video **2022**
 - <https://github.com/chungyiweng/humannervf> (> 600 stars)

Invited Talks

- [T1] CSNext, “HumanNeRF: Free-Viewpoint Rendering of Moving People From Monocular Video” **2022**
- [T2] Stanford Graphics Group, “Vid2Actor: Free-viewpoint Animatable Person Synthesis from Video” **2021**
- [T3] UW Allen School Colloquium, “Photo Wake-Up: 3D Character Animation from a Single Photo” **2019**